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New Antiques District Blooms in South End Mill Complex

New Bedford, Massachusetts- New Bedford Mayor Scott W. Lang, joined City Council President Leo Pimental, other local officials, and the new owners of “New Bedford Antiques at the Cove” at the official ribbon cutting ceremony. City officials welcomed the business to its new home in the historic Kilburn Mill at 127 West Rodney French Boulevard, situated at the gateway to the city's peninsula. The new showroom is only a short distance from the downtown and north end business districts, as well many of the city's cultural and recreational attractions.

“I am happy that this business will remain in New Bedford and now will attract tourists and residents alike to the beautiful South End of our city,” said Mayor Lang. New Bedford City Council President and Ward Six Councilor, Leo Pimental said he welcomes the new business to the south end of the city with “open arms.”

The relocation of “New Bedford Antiques” from the Fairhaven Mills to the Kilburn Mill, along with the planned opening of “New England Demolition and Salvage” later this month in the Berkshire Hathaway Mill on Cove Road, is quickly transforming the south end of the city into an emerging antiques district. The redevelopment of the New Bedford's turn-of-the century mill space into productive antique retail showrooms is fitting for a historic city with so many architectural treasures. This new antiques district is certain to attract diverse groups of visitors to the city for multipurpose trips and will bring a new synergy and dynamic to the south end of New Bedford.

“The New Bedford Economic Development Council will continue to work with New Bedford Antiques at the Cove as well as the other antiques dealers in the area to ensure that this district becomes a destination,” Executive Director of the New Bedford Economic Development Council, Matthew Morrissey said of the project.

The new owners, Alan Herman, Steven Lefkowitz, and Judd Zeitz, each have over 30 years of business experience in New Bedford and by opening their new showroom in the Kilburn Mill they show their commitment to the city. The owners plan for this retail area to be one of the largest and finest enclosed showcases for antiques and antique furniture in the greater New England area. The showroom spans across more than one acre of floor space in the city's turn-of-the-century mill and is designed so that antique dealers can rent space to sell their own collectibles. Currently, more than 250 dealers have established displays in the new showroom.

New Bedford Antiques at the Cove officially opened yesterday and if early attendance is an indication, the showroom will successfully attract a large and diverse group of customers.

“Quite a number of people have visited our showroom today and business has been great. If this is any indication, the showroom should attract a large and diverse group of customers. In that case, we have lots of room for expansion,” said co-owner Judd Zeitz.

New Bedford Antiques at the Cove is easily accessible from Rte. I-195, and is only one hour south of Boston and 30 minutes east of Providence. The antiques showroom is open Monday through Saturday from 10AM to 5PM and on Sundays from noon to 5PM.

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